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Dulles Views Red Menace Calmly

ABATTERED briar pipe with a capacious bowl was as familiar an accessory of Allen Dulles as his trim white mustache during the years he headed the Central Intelligence agency from 1953 to 1961.

Last night Dulles, who was 71 years old last week, stepped nimbly off a jetliner at the Municipal Air Terminal into a wind gusting to 31 miles an hour, and moments later was lighting the familiar pipe, preparatory to answering questions by the groups who met him, including members of the University Women's club.

In Program Tonight

Tonight Dulles will be one of the speakers at a book and author dinner sponsored by the club in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Muehlebach.

In the terminal visitors' room, Dulles was attentive to the first question: "Has Khrushchev seen to it that his brand of party leadership—



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tending toward peaceful co-existence and revisionist tendencies toward the West—

will be carried on after his death?"

Before the sentence was completed, Dulles had formulated his reply.

"It is hard to be certain of it," Dulles said. "In the Soviet system there is no clear way to designate power. You are dealing with a party hierarchy, not a government hierarchy. For example, the titular president has limited power, while Khrushchev, as party head, holds real power. Political figures are used by the party hierarchy."

Dulles said, however, that the party leaders whom Khrushchev has considered as successors to him give reasonable promise of carrying through Khrushchev policies after Khrushchev's death.

Questioned on Cuba

Is Cuba a serious security threat to the Americas, or is Castro's presence in Cuba as of little significance, as Senator Fulbright has stated?

"Cuba certainly is a threat, primarily to Latin American countries," Dulles said, "but subversion of these countries would in turn pose a threat to the United States."

With academic precision, Dulles went on to remark that a mitigating factor is the very real awareness these countries have of the danger of Communist infiltration.

"Look at the recent change in Brazil, where the Communists were kicked out," he said, "and the recent report by the Organization of American States regarding the Communist menace in Venezuela."

Will the United States at some time take action to remove Castro from Cuba?

"I can't say," Dulles said. "Ask Washington. I'm out of government now."

Next Comes China

Does the apparent relish of the Chinese for military prestige suggest that they will use nuclear power unscrupulously when once they possess it?

"Not necessarily," he said. "What they say and what they do are two different things. Actually, in recent years, Russia has been more persistent than China in extending her power. China, you will note, has left Formosa alone."

Is the tendency toward government secrecy in the United States, even in minor government functions, snowballing?

"Not at all," said Dulles. "Taken altogether, the situation has been handled well. In a few cases, perhaps, people have got too active with the rubber stamp."

What about the Birch society viewpoint that the United States is being subverted from within?

Opposed to Birchers

"I certainly don't agree with the Birch viewpoint in general. It is dangerous. They have called me a Communist, and naturally I don't relish that."

Has the United States been effective in handling subversives?

"Our Federal Bureau of Investigation has been effective in the matter. Also, our laws are effective. We have treated the Communist party as an arm of a foreign government, which it is, and I don't believe we have been immoderate. I certainly don't believe in witch-hunting."